

Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission

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Regular Meeting| Thursday, September 24, 2020| 10:00 AM

Summary of Commission Meeting

Location: Coverdell Legislative Office Building
Room 606, 18 Capitol Square, SW
Atlanta, Ga. 30334

The Commission meeting was also available via livestream

PRESENT:

Commission Members:

Jake Evans, Chairman
James D. Kreyenbuhl, Vice Chairman
Eric L. Barnum, Commission Member
Robert Watts, Commission Member
Rick Thompson, Commission Member

Commission Staff:

David Emadi, Executive Secretary
Robert Lane, Deputy Executive Secretary
Joseph Cusack, Staff Attorney
Jeff Morris, Legislative Liaison
Katie Easterwood, Legal Secretary
Chris Phelps, Paralegal
Haley Brown, Press Secretary
Erwin Yap, Office Administrator
Joel Perkins, IT
Aron Giorgis, IT

Office of the Attorney-General:

Christian Fuller, Assistant Attorney-General

SUMMARY OF SUBJECTS ACTED UPON:

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Meeting Called to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
Review and Approval of the regular commission meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The meeting minutes for the Regular Commission meeting on August 6, 2020 were adopted.
Consent Orders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">After having been presented to the Commission the following Consent Order were adopted.<ul style="list-style-type: none">2019-0038PC In the Matter of Colton Moore2012-0013 In the Matter of Normarene C. Merritt20-0006-C In the Matter of E. Neal Jump2018-0054 In the Matter of Deborah Gonzalez20-0019-C In the Matter of Shirley Ritchie20-0045-C In the Matter of Erick E. Allen2015-0058 In the Matter of Committee Opposing Consolidation

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2019-0042PC In the Matter of Horacena Tate ○ 20-0051-C In the Matter of Gregory O. Shenton ○ 2019-0061 In the Matter of Tammie Bailey ○ 20-0038-C/20-0048-C In the Matter of Nakita K. Hemingway
Preliminary Hearings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The following cases were presented to the commission. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2018-0059 In the Matter of Keisha Lance Bottoms - <i>continued due to attorney conflict.</i> ○ 20-0039-C In the Matter of Zephaniah K. Baker ○ 2019-0035PC In the Matter of Vernon Jones – <i>continued due to attorney conflict.</i> ○ 2016-0022/2017-0200 In the Matter of Osborn Nesbitt, Sr. - <i>continued due to attorney conflict.</i>
Administrative Dismissal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ After having been presented to the Commission the following Administrative Dismissals were adopted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2012-0056 In the Matter of Davis Fox ○ 2017-0206 In the Matter of Michael Julian Bond ○ 2018-0039 In the Matter of Evans for Georgia, Inc. ○ 2013-0043 In the Matter of Emmanuel Ransom ○ 2018-0098 In the Matter of Donald Kenneth Balfour II & Committee to Re-elect Balfour (<i>reopened by Commission; 5-0 vote</i>) ○ 2019-0058 In the Matter of Michael Palermo ○ 20-0035-C In the Matter of Gerald Evans ○ 20-0064-C In the Matter of Natalie Paine ○ 20-0052-C In the Matter of Gregory O. Shenton
Rule for Consideration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ After having been presented to the Commission the proposed Rule Repeal 189-3-.03 - Deferred Expenditures was adopted.
Advisory Opinion for Consideration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ After having been presented to the Commission Advisory Opinion 2020-03 – Use of Campaign Funds for Rent/Lodging Expenses was adopted.
Motion Disallowing Lobbyist Registration or Renewal to Individuals with Unpaid Fees, Fines or Penalties or Unfiled Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ After having been presented to the Commission the Motion Disallowing Lobbyist Registration or Renewal to Individuals with Unpaid Fees, Fines or Penalties or Unfiled Reports was adopted.
Report of the Executive Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Secretary Emadi gave report on the following items. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New Communications Director ○ MOU for Qualifying ○ E-file System Update
Report of the Attorney General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Christian Fuller of the Attorney General’s office gave updates on the following matters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2019-0050PC New Ga. Project and New Ga. Project Action Fund - Oral Arguments are scheduled for September 30, 2020. ○ 2018-0058/2018-0109 In the Matter of Sabrina McKenzie - Attorney General’s office is working towards a resolution in this matter.

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Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There was no public comment.
Executive Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Executive Session was entered at 3:44 p.m. to discuss personnel matters pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2); the Commission reopened into the regular commission meeting at 3:53 p.m.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.